

SUPER GLYNN GOAL BOOSTS WANDERERS

TERRY Glynn scored his first Isthmian League goal of 1981 — and a brilliant one too — to send Wycombe Wanderers on the way to an important victory at Sandy Lane on Saturday.

The worrying aspect in Wycombe's recent matches has been Glynn's lack of form, but he put an end to that with a brilliant individual effort in the 18th minute of a potentially awkward match.

There seemed no chance of a goal as Glynn received possession midway in Tooting's half. But after brushing aside the challenge of Trevor Ford, Glynn dribbled past three more defenders before striking a perfect left foot shot past the advancing 'keeper, but inside the right post.

The goal was no more than Wycombe deserved for they dominated the early encounters and minutes earlier Paul Birdseye headed only just wide from Bob Dell's in-swinging corner.

Bouncy

Wycombe should have increased their lead before half-time. Steve Long shot just over with a fine effort from 30 yards, while only the combined forces of goal-keeper Nicky Sullivan and a post prevented Glynn adding his second.

On a hard bouncy pitch, ball control was difficult and Tooting did not have a shot on target in the first half. But they put that right six minutes afterwards with a scrambled equaliser.

Herbie Smith, a tall coloured forward who has just returned from a year with Luton Town, was the major threat to the Blues defence. It was he who started the move by passing inside to Dave Sansom (younger brother of Arsenal's Kenny), who found himself unmarked inside the penalty area.

His shot for goal was deflected towards the right hand post by David Juneman. Mickie Sorenson, a

acted more quickly than any of the defenders and poked the ball over the line.

This was a severe blow and worse was to come, as seven minutes later Smith evaded the off-side trap and raced clear with only Gary Lester to beat. But Smith panicked and ended up striking a gentle shot that Lester saved easily, much to the relief of his colleagues. Smith just had too much time to think about the possibilities.

Turning point

If ever there was a turning point in a match, this was it. A goal to Tooting then would have been critical, but as it was nine minutes later Wanderers took the lead.

Because Jimmy Jacobs had influenza, Mike Keen brought in Paul West, who played left side mid-field as a counter-balance to Long's wide runs on the right. It was a combination of these two players — plus a couple of defenders that led to the winning goal.

Long broke away down the right, reached the goalline and deceived Sullivan with a wickedly curling cross. Under pressure from Gary

Toll, Bobby Pittaway headed towards his own goal — an effort that was only stopped by a timely intervention from Keith Highland, standing on the line.

But Highland sent the ball straight into the path of West who scored his first for the senior team with a close range header that Ford could only help on its way.

This was a great moment for the youngster who had acquitted himself well in a rare first team appearance. However, seven minutes after his goal, he was replaced by Ken Wilson — at first a strange decision. But West later confirmed that he has been suffering ankle trouble of late.

Solid

Tooting never really threatened again with Bobby Davies and Keith Mead solid as rocks at the heart of the defence, while Birdseye kept a close eye on Smith. Their best chance came when Lester turned a shot from substitute Ray Knowles round a post.

TOOTING: N. Sullivan, T. Ford, K. Highland, R. Pittaway, W. Edwards, M.

Sorensen, F. Cowley, D. Sansom, D. Juneman, D. Busby (sub: R. Knowles 58 mins), H. Smith.

WYCOMBE: G. Lester, P. Birdseye, G. Borg, R. Davies, K. Mead, R. Dell, P. West (sub: K. Wilson 73 mins), H. Kennedy, T. Glynn, G. Toll, S. Long.

Referee: C. Henderson (Bisley). **Half-time** 0-1. **Scorers:** Tooting — Sorensen (51 mins); Wycombe — Glynn (18), West (66).

No relegation

THERE will be no relegation from the Premier Division of the Berger Isthmian League this season if the Council accepts the recommendation of its Officers at its next meeting on March 11, at the Cafe Royal.

This follows the 'Defection' of Champions Enfield and FA Trophy holders Dagenham to the Alliance Premier.

Friendly

WYCOMBE Wanderers with a mixed first and reserve team, are at home tonight to Holmer Green, the top Ercol Senior Section side, who knocked out Chesham United and Flackwell Heath in a great run in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup.